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Georgetown Man Arraigned on Charges of Distribution of Heroin

Columbia, South Carolina ---- United States Attorney William N. Nettles stated today that Tywaun D. Thomas, age 32, of Georgetown, SC, has been charged in a two-count Indictment with possession with intent to distribute heroin and distribution of heroin.

The maximum penalty Thomas could receive is a fine of \$2,000,000 and/or imprisonment for thirty years. Thomas has been ordered to be held without bond.

Mr. Nettles stated that the case was investigated by agents of the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Georgetown Police Department, and the 15th Circuit Drug Enforcement Unit, and that he has assigned the case to Assistant United States Attorney Nick Bianchi of the Charleston office for prosecution.

The United States Attorney stated that all charges in this Indictment are

merely accusations and that all defendants are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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